THE SIXTH DAY.

28th February 1920.

The Assembly met at 12·10 P. M. on Saturday, the 28th February 1920.

III. PROTECTION.

CIVIL JUSTICE—(*Concluded.*)

68. Need for the opening of a Munsiff's Court at Nedumangad.

Mr. A. Kumaraswamy Pillai (Member, Nedumangad taluk) explained the growing importance of the taluk as a centre of business and observed that formerly there was a Munsiff's Court in the taluk. After that court was abolished, the civil jurisdiction was transferred to Chirayinkil. Since then the litigant public were being put to great hardship and now they had to go to three taluks, *viz.*, Trivandrum, Chirayinkil and Neyyattinkara. Each of those taluks had two Munsiff's Courts and the reason for such a heavy file was that suits from the Nedumangad taluk were being filed in large numbers in those courts. The figures for the past 5 years would show the number of cases from the Nedumangad taluk which had to be taken to one or other of the three courts mentioned. Out of 16 *pakuthies* in the Nedumangad taluk, Karakulam, Nedumangad, Anad and Pallode were under the jurisdiction of the Trivandrum Munsiff. The longest distance to Trivandrum was 25 miles and the shortest 7 miles. Vempayam, Vamanapuram, Nallanad, Manikkal and Pullampara were included under the Chirayinkil Munsiff's Court. Here also the longest distance was 25 miles and the shortest 8 miles. The remaining 7 *pakuthies*, *viz.*, Kulathummel, Perumkulam, Veeranakavu, Mannurkkara, Arianad, Uzhamalakkal and Vellanad were under the jurisdiction of the Neyyattinkara Munsiff. The distance to the Neyyattinkara Munsiff's Court was longer and the means of communication more difficult on account of there being no good roads or bridges across rivers which had to be crossed. The route to be traversed was hilly and was beset with great difficulties. Besides, fiscal transactions were becoming increasingly irksome. He said that the request could not be further delayed in the interests of the people.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

V. PUBLIC WORKS.—(*Continued.*)

69. Improvements to and maintenance of town roads and canal banks in the Town of Quilon.

Mr. M. R. Govinda Pillai, L. M. S. (*Homeo.*) (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) brought to notice that none of the works in the programme prepared at the P. W. Conference held on the 26th February 1914 had been carried out and said that the condition of some of the town roads was miserable, especially in the rainy reason. One of the most important roads where the traffic, both vehicular and passenger, was the heaviest was the Chinnakkada road from the big bridge to Chinnakkada *via*, Police station, the metalling and improvement of which was considered necessary in 1089. The condition of that road and the lanes leading from it, especially those on either side of the shops (Edanazhi) was miserable, particularly during the rainy season. They were so slushy that traffic was impossible. Those were also the breeding grounds of all kinds of diseases in the town. That road as well as the roads connecting Chinnakada and Big Bazaar, the Thamarakulam road, the Neendakara road up to Kamankulangara, the Thevally road from Big Bazaar and the Cameron road, required immediate attention. The Member understood that an estimate for

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Rs. 15,830 had been sanctioned for metalling some important roads in the town in G. O. No. P. W. 5431/469 of 1919, dated the 30th August 1919, but funds were not provided in 1095. He requested that the provision of funds might be ordered and the works executed as early as possible. The lanes in the town should also be widened. A proper system of drainage should also be provided. Another matter which required attention was the removal of encroachments on some portion of the town roads, especially in Paikadai and other places. On account of the encroachments the roads had become very narrow. Seven years ago the T. I. C. had passed resolutions urging the necessity of a survey of the town and the removal of encroachments, but no action had been taken by Government till now. A source of perpetual nuisance and insanitation was the condition of the canal passing through the town from Cochupilamudu to the backwater in the north. The banks were overgrown with thick bushes sufficient to hide people committing nuisance of all kinds. The only solution that struck the Member was the removal of the undergrowth and the construction of boat basins from Cochupilamudu to Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfields' building and also the improvement of the roads running parallel to the canal. Another item of work to be done was the improvement of the landing at Kurisumudu and theconstruction of boat basins. Lastly, the Member requested that the tanks in the town be maintained in proper condition so as to enable the people, especially of the low caste, to bathe, particularly in such crowded localities as Thamarakulam, Kaikulangara, Cantonment and Lakshminada.

Dewan's reply.—The representation of the Member is noted for consideration.

70. Certain needs of the Quilon taluk.

Mr. R. Raman Pillai (Member, Quilon taluk) urged the following needs:—

(1) Improving the condition of the road from Kundara Sub-Registry Office to Kanjiracode *kayal kadavu.*

(2) Improving the road from Thevally *kadavu* to Elamballoor Satrom *via* Perinad.

(3) The opening of a road from Kallada to Sasthancotta.

(4) Improving the road from Quilon eastwards to Mukathala.

(5) Sinking of a well in the Kannanallur (Kaunoli) Market.

(6) Police protection and aid during the market days of Kannanallur (Kannoli) cattle fair.

(7) A Police station near Kundara with a Sub-Inspector of Police.

(8) Establishment of a Manure Depot at Quilon.

(9) An Agricultural School at Quilon.

(10) Provision of irrigational facilities for the Quilon taluk.

(11) Posting of at least 4 seed bulls in the Quilon taluk.

(12) Founding of an Industrial Institute at Quilon at Government cost for the manufacture of soap, sugar or pencil.

The Member finally requested that arrangements be made for distribution among Members of the Assembly copies of the Administration Report of the Industrial Department as also of the Report on the Industrial Survey of Dr. Barker. The Members were prepared to pay for the latter. The latter report should also be translated.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to item No. 4, investigation has been completed and plans and estimates are under preparation. A well will be sunk in Kannanallur market, special funds being sanctioned for the purpose this year. The Member will do well to see the local Executive Engineer and point out the place to him. The other points are noted.

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